

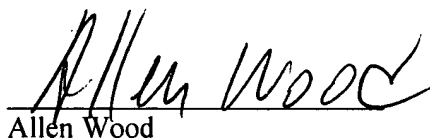
REMARKS

The present Second Preliminary Amendment is being filed in order to seek further protection for the invention by adding new claims 22-24.

It is noted that this application now contains 24 claims, five of which are independent. The official fee for 21 claims (three of which can be independent) has previously been paid, so an additional claim fee of \$550 is being submitted concurrently. Should this remittance be accidentally missing or insufficient, however, any fees that may be needed can be charged to our Deposit Account number 18-0002.

Examination of this application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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